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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) FOURTH SESSION

1. HARRY WALTERS, OF WFC SECRETARIAT, TOLD FODAG THAT MAY 3-4 BUREAU MEETING VERY SUCCESSFUL. SCHEDULE DEVELOPED FOR TIME REMAINING BEFORE MEXICO COUNCIL MEETING CALLS FOR:

A. SECRETARIAT TO DRAFT STATEMENT INVOLVING ACTION PROGRAM WHICH BUREAU WOULD SUGGEST FOR OUTCOME OF COUNCIL SESSION. BUREAU AGREED ON POINTS TO BE INCLUDED, AND DRAFT WILL BE COMPLETED OVER WEEKEND.

B. IN NEXT 30 DAYS, MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT TO VISIT AS MANY MEMBER COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE TO SEEK CONCURRENCE WITH DRAFT STATEMENT AND ACTION PLANS. FINAL LANGUAGE WILL BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION WITH COUNTRIES VISITED. SECRETARIAT WILL CONCENTRATE ON THESE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, FRG, AND US. FODAG EXPECTS INDICATION NEXT WEEK OF TIME OF VISIT TO US. POSSIBLE BOTH WALTERS AND HANNAH WILL VISIT WASHINGTON.

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C. SECRETARIAT AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO MEET MAY 15 TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON FOOD PRODUCTION PROPOSAL. FODAG ALREADY RECEIVED INCIATION FROM FAO THAT AGENCIES DO NOT LIKE PROPOSAL.

D. WALTERS HOPES PREPCOM WILL FINALIZE STATEMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING COUNTRY VISITS AND

RESULTS OF MAY 15 MEETING. STATEMENT THEN BE PRESENTED
FOR APPROVAL OF MINISTERIAL SESSION IN FORM SIMILAR TO
MANILA COMMUNIQUE OF WFC THIRD SESSION.

2. WALTERS GOES NEXT WEEK TO MANILA TO REPORT TO TANCO ON
RESULTS OF PERMREPS AND BUREAU MEETINGS AND LAY OUT PLAN OF
ACTION. TANCO NOT EXPECTED BE ACTIVE OR AVAILABLE FOR WFC
AFFAIRS UNTIL LATE MAY; HENCE, NOT INVOLVED IN FINAL PREPARATIONS
FOR WFC SESSION.

3. COMMENT: FODAG UNDERSTANDS STATEMENT BEING DEVELOPED IS
BASED UPON PAPERS CIRCULATED, AND IT ATTEMPTS TO FOCUS ON
PARTICULARS. THOUGH SECRETARIAT REALIZES LANGUAGE SUBJECT TO
NEGOTIATIONS, HOPES FINAL FORM WILL NOT DIFFERE MUCH FROM PRESENT.
SECRETARIAT (WALTERS) RELUCTANT TO RELEASE TEXT PRIOR TO COUNTRY
VISITS BECAUSE SECRETARIAT FEELS PRIOR RELEASE WOULD LESSEN
NEGOTIATING ABILITY. FODAG STRESSED ADVANCE COPY TO
WASHINGTON HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS. MISSION
HOPES OBTAIN STATEMENT EARLY NEXT WEEK SO WASHINGTON MAY REVIEW
PRIOR TO VISIT OF WALTERS AND/OR HANNAH. GARDNER

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